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PA Compact Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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August 13, 2025

Name	Member Role	Voting Member	Attendance
Tim Terranova	Chair	X	
Marisa Courtney	Vice-Chair	X	X
Jamie Alley	Secretary	X	X
Larry Marx	Treasurer	X	
Elizabeth Huntley	Executive At Large	X	X
Justin Hepner	Executive At Large	X	X
Paula Martinez	Executive At Large	X	
Total voting members present			4/7
Greg Thomas	Ex-Officio – NCCPA		X
Kathy Scarbalis	Ex-Officio – AAPA		X
Name	Non-Member Role		Attendance
Nahale Kalfas	Interim Legal Counsel		X
Carl Sims	Interim Staff Support		X
Abigail Mortell	Interim Executive Director		X

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Name	Agenda	Approve 7/9 Minutes	Delegate AAPA conference booth request to commission chair	Amendment to agenda to include vote on AAPA conference booth request
Tim Terranova				
Marisa Courtney				
Jamie Alley		1	1	
Larry Marx				
Elizabeth Huntley	1		2	1
Justin Hepner	2	2		2
Paula Martinez				

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6 **Call to Order**
7 Marisa Courtney serves as acting chair in Chair Terranova's absence. Chair Courtney calls the meeting to
8 order at 3:03 p.m. ET
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10 **Roll Call**

11 A. Mortell calls roll.
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13 **Review and Adopt Agenda**

14 Committee reviews agenda.

15 **Motion:**

16 • Elizabeth Huntley motions to adopt agenda.
17 • Justin Hepner seconds motion.
18 • All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.
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20 **Review and Approve Draft Minutes**

21 Committee reviews minutes and has no edits.

22 **Motion:**

23 • Jamie Alley motions to adopt draft minutes from 7/9/25.
24 • Justin Hepner seconds motion.
25 • All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.
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27 **Legislative Update**

28 C. Sims gives legislative update. Active legislation can also be seen on the map on the PA Website:
29 <https://www.pacompact.org/#compact>
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31 Three states with active legislation: MI, MA, and NJ. There has been no legislative activity in those states
32 since the last meeting.

33 C. Sims and A. Mortell will meet with Michigan Academy of Physician Associates later today to discuss
34 the legislation filed in Michigan.
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36 **Committee Reports**

37 Finance –

38 • A. Mortell: The Finance Committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting, but
39 they have a meeting scheduled for September 15. Reach out if anything needs to be added to
40 that agenda.
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42 Communications – met Wednesday, 8/6/25

43 • J. Hepner: The Communications Committee met August 6, during which they began reviewing
44 the website FAQs for edits and additions. That review will be continued at their September
45 meeting.
46 • K. Scarbalis: The committee is also creating a newsletter. Chair Terranova wrote a Chair's Corner
47 memo, which was approved by the committee. After the FAQs are reviewed and finalized the
48 newsletter can be distributed.

49 • Chair Courtney: Many PAs in Washington have questions regarding the compact, so a newsletter
50 will be very helpful as a resource.
51 • K. Scarbalis: The committee also reviewed the compact timeline, which will be incorporated into
52 the newsletter.
53 • G. Thomas: Next month is the AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit at which there will be a
54 panel and discussion on the compact. It will be a main stage presentation on the last morning of
55 the conference. Chair Terranova will be participating.

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57 Rules – next meeting Monday, 8/25/25

58 • J. Alley: The committee will review rule 5 on the data system and hopefully continue moving
59 that draft towards completion.

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61 **AAPA Conference Booth Request**

62 • K. Scarbalis: Is the commission interested in having a booth for the compact at the annual AAPA
63 meeting? It draws around 5-6,000 PAs from all states and territories. The form is due September
64 5 and asks if you want to host an event or have a booth. Meghan Pudeler can answer the
65 committee's questions when she is back in the office.
66 • N. Kalfas: Depending on the will of the committee, it is within Chair Courtney's authority to
67 make the decision on the booth. The committee could also delegate the determination to the
68 chair conditioned on certain parameters and dependent on what the answers are to the
69 committee's questions.
70 • K. Scarbalis: Regarding the cost question, the committee could ask AAPA to sponsor this booth.
71 • G. Thomas: It is possible AAPA would waive the fee since that is in their power. NCCPA has a
72 large presence at the conference and if it came down to a money issue I think there is a way we
73 could work it into the NCCPA's presence. I think it is fair to say we could dodge the cost issue,
74 not necessarily for staffing the booth, but certainly for the registration fee.
75 • E. Huntley: Is the cost known? Is that information available on the form?
76 • K. Scarbalis: That information is not on the form because the cost depends on the answers given
77 to the questions on the form (number of people hosting, etc.).
78 • E. Huntley: When and where is the conference? And who would staff it?
79 • K. Scarbalis: May 16-18 in New Orleans, LA, and I volunteered to staff it.
80 • G. Thomas: AAPA and NCCPA staff will be at the conference, so we might be able to do it with
81 those people, but it would also be good to have someone from the commission attend.
82 • N. Kalfas: Some other commissions have tackled this issue particularly with regard to cost. What
83 we have seen in the past the staffing issue tends to be the biggest issue. Other commissions
84 have utilized a mix of staff from associations and certifying bodies, and it is possible to do that as
85 long as there is a clear delineation between the compact materials and those from the
86 participating organizations. A commission member could attend and participate even if not for
87 the entire duration of the conference.
88 • Chair Courtney: What are everyone's thoughts? Should we defer to the following conference?
89 • J. Alley: Waiting until 2027 might be too late. If a commission member or staff could participate
90 in some sort of presentation opportunity, it would be even more appealing. I am in favor.
91 • Chair Courtney: I think it is a great opportunity and depending on how things shape up by that
92 time I would be willing to attend as vice chair.

93 • G. Thomas: I don't think that deadline should stop us from exploring our questions. Since it is
94 AAPA's conference, it is within their authority to push the September 5 deadline for requesting a
95 booth if we need more time. A decision may not need to be made today. It is the kind of
96 conference with lots of breakout sessions and not many main stage events. This would likely not
97 be a main stage event, but the advocacy team always do presentations and there may be an
98 opportunity for a session presentation on the compact.

99 • J. Hepner: Supports this opportunity. People who attend this conference are very active in their
100 states, and it is a good place to disseminate accurate information.

101 • K. Scarbalis: Disagrees with G. Thomas that a decision does not need to be made today based on
102 conversations with Meghan Pudeler. It may be possible to push the deadline, but if a vote from
103 voting members is possible, a list of questions from the committee can be brought to Meghan
104 who can provide more information soon after this meeting.

105 • Chair Courtney: Is the committee comfortable with deciding we want to pursue this opportunity
106 and get more information in answer to our remaining questions? Would the committee agree to
107 allow Chair Terranova or Courtney to have the final say on participating after that information is
108 received, or would you rather vote to continue regardless?

109 **Motion:**

110 • Committee votes on delegating the decision to request a booth at the 2026 AAPA annual
111 meeting and subsequent completion of the request process to the commission chair.

112 ○ J. Alley makes motion to grant authority to whoever is serving in the role of commission
113 chair or acting commission chair at the time the decision to request a booth is made,
114 assuming that cost and staffing concerns can be addressed, to explore and pursue
115 completing the process to participate in the 2026 AAPA annual meeting.

116 ○ E. Huntley seconds motion.

117 ○ All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.

118 • A. Mortell: As this item was not originally marked as a voting item on the agenda, does there
119 need to be a motion to amend the agenda to make this a voting item?

120 • N. Kalfas: Yes, that is how it has been handled in the past. We have asked whoever made the
121 motion to adopt the agenda to move for a friendly amendment.

122 **Motion:**

123 • Chair Courtney asks E. Huntley to motion for a friendly amendment to the agenda.

124 ○ E. Huntley motions to make a friendly amendment to the agenda to include a vote on
125 the AAPA conference booth request.

126 ○ J. Hepner seconds motion.

127 ○ All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.

128 **Data System RFP Discussion**

129 • A. Mortell provides an overview of the RFP with J. Alley's suggestions.

130 • User Stories – State Licensing Officials/Administrator/Investigators

131 ○ N. Kalfas: In the changes regarding investigatory and disciplinary action, is it clear that
132 while orders and decrees will not be housed in the data system, we do intend to have
133 the disciplinary type and basis in the system?

134 ○ Chair Courtney agrees that is clear in the suggested language.

136 ○ N. Kalfas to J. Alley: Does the rewritten language make it clear that the system has
137 categories where there is an entry for the disciplinary action and a subcategory for the
138 basis of the action? We wanted to make sure it did not imply that the system houses
139 orders, decisions, decrees, and other documents like that.
140 ○ J. Alley: I think in the context of a user story it is flexible enough to provide for that.
141 ○ N. Kalfas: To me disciplinary information refers to the information (discipline type, etc.)
142 but not the actual documents on the actions themselves.
143 ● N. Kalfas thanks J. Alley for the comments provided on the RFP.
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145 **Next steps**
146 ● Chair Courtney: This will be provided to the representative at U.S. Digital Response for review,
147 after which the committee will vote to adopt and disseminate the final RFP.
148 ● G. Thomas: Can you clarify who will attend the next Executive Committee meeting?
149 ● C. Sims: Waldo Jaquith with U.S. Digital Response. He has previously helped other compact
150 commissions in developing their RFPs, so he can speak to the process and answer any of the
151 committee's questions on data system development.

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153 **Delegate Questions and Comments**
154 None.

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156 **Public Questions and Comments**
157 None.

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159 **Adjourn**
160 Hearing no further business or discussion, Chair Courtney adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m. ET.
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